

SENATE BILL 1447

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to student attendance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) An LEA or public charter school shall allow a student to be excused from school attendance for one (1) full school day each school year to allow the student time to address the student's mental or behavioral health if the student's parent or legal guardian provides a personal note to the school stating that the student's absence is due to the student's mental or behavioral health.

(b) A student receiving an excused absence from school pursuant to this section must have the opportunity to make up school work missed and shall not have the student's class grades adversely affected for lack of class attendance or class participation due to the student's absence.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.